

City of Cincinnati Board of Health Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Room 324

Ms. Schroder, Chair of the Board Finance Committee, called the March 19, 2019 Finance Committee meeting to order at 3:34.

Roll Call

Board of Health members present: Kate Schroder, Amar Bhati

City of Cincinnati Primary Care (CCPC) Board members present: Robert Brown

Senior Staff member present: Ronald Robinson, Angela Robinson

Ex-Officio Members present: Melba Moore, Health Commissioner, Phil Lichtenstein, Chairperson, Board of Health

Topic	Discussion	Action/Motion
Welcome	The Committee Chair opened the meeting welcoming Mr. Ronald Robinson in his new role at CHD.	
Approval of Minutes	The Committee Chair asked the Committee members if everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes from the last meeting. The Committee members responded affirmatively.	
	Motion: That the Board of Health Finance Committee approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Board of Health Finance Committee Meeting.	Motion: Schroder Second: Bhati Action: Passed
	The Committee Chair then asked if the Committee members had also had the opportunity to review the minutes from the Special Meeting that the Finance Committee held on February 28, 2019 to discuss the budget. The Committee members responded affirmatively.	
	Motion: That the Board of Health Finance Committee approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Board of Health Finance Committee Meeting.	Motion: Schroder Second: Brown Action: Passed

Review of		
Contracts for		
3/26/19 BOH		
Meeting		

The Chair began the review of the contracts that will go to the BOH for approval.

University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC- New payable contract of \$400,000.00 to pay for the Reproductive Health and Wellness Program staff that are funded through the RHWP grant. The term of the contract is from 4/2/19 - 4/1/20.

Motion: That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend this contract to the Board of Health.

Cardinal Health- New payable contract of \$2,000,000.00 annually for pharmaceuticals. The term of the agreement is for one year from the date of execution of the contract. CHD staff shared that this was a competitively bid contract and Cardinal Health was able to provide all the required products and had the most competitive pricing. The committee discussed the fee schedule that offers discounts based on volumes and recommended CHD consider bundling orders to achieve greater price discounts where feasible. For example, if orders could be placed weekly or biweekly rather than daily, there may be additional savings possible.

<u>Motion</u>: That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend this contract to the Board of Health.

Greater Cincinnati Dental Laboratories- First amendment of a payable contract to add \$100,000.00 a year for the final two years of this contract. The current term of this agreement is 10/1/15 - 9/30/20.

<u>Motion</u>: That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend this contract to the Board of Health.

Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant- Accounts payable grant of \$ 261,831.00 to support activities that will increase the immunization rates in children. The term of this grant is 7/1/19 - 6/30/20.

The Committee discussed this program and the Commissioner asked that the initiator, Ms. Gay, give a presentation on this program to the BOH in April and to the CCPC Board. She asked that the presentation include comparative information on immunization rates from both the public and private sectors.

<u>Motion</u>: That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend this contract to the Board of Health

Motion: Schroder Second: Bhati Action: Passed

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	Interact for Health- Accounts receivable grant of \$ 10,000.00 for Cincy Safe Places pilot program. The term of this grant is from 3/18/19 – 3/18/20.	
	Motion: That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend this contract to the Board of Health.	Motion: Schroder Second: Bhati Action: Passed
	This agreement will go to the Board of Health as an informational item.	
	Cincinnati Public Schools – First amendment to 30-year lease at AWL for the new SBHC. This amendment is an accounts payable amendment of \$ 10, 712.52 to pay for janitorial services in the new SBHC. The term of this agreement is for the current school year.	
Phamily Program Update	The Commissioner thanked the Committee for allowing her to add a request to the meeting agenda to extend the current pilot of the Phamily Program explaining that due to delays the pilot program did not launch until March 1, 2019 and therefore needs to be extended to May 31, 2019. The Commissioner also clarified that there was a question about whether the Phamily software can interface with EPIC and Mr. Kaukab responded that it can but that there would be an additional cost involved.	
	Mr. Kaukab then shared a brief slide presentation that explained that Phamily is prioritizing patient benefit, increase in revenue and staff training.	
	The Committee discussed the program and asked if the employees are comfortable with the program and the Commissioner responded that there was a training on the program last Friday where the staff asked their questions and received answers to those questions which increased their comfort level with the program. Mr. Kaukab added that an important point that came out of the conversations with the staff is that a lot of work has been done for free and that this pilot program is finding ways to bill for that work.	
	The Committee concluded the discussion agreeing that the internal CCM pilot program will report on that program at the in April Finance Committee meeting and that the Phamily pilot program will report back at the May meeting.	
Budget Discussion	The Commissioner gave an update on the budget saying that the cover letter for the budget submission was sent to both of the boards and that the response from CHD was that CHD could meet a 1.4 million dollar cut but that the additional 1.3 million dollars requested would be difficult to meet.	

	The Chair asked about the response from the budget office on the CHD budget submission and the Commissioner responded that the response she has seen so far has been favorable.	
Dashboard Review	Mr. Robinson shared that he plans to expand the dashboard in several ways and explained that the trend of the third party payments time has increased in the last few months due to a large number of encounters that were recently found and closed.	
	He also explained his understanding of why the budget targets for visits were so optimistic and suggested instead that the Committee compare this year to last year. He also pointed out that CHD is at capacity and that the last three years visit totals are basically flat.	
	He concluded his remarks by pointing out that he is also concerned that "miscellaneous other" expenses are overspent by a half million dollars year to date. He is analyzing what is included in this line with the fiscal team and will report back to the Committee with his findings.	
	The Chair commented that the Committee was running short on time at this meeting but asked that there be a more detailed explanation in some areas of the dashboard for the next meeting.	
Review of Action Items	The Chair asked if Mr. Wimberg has provided the draft of policies and procedures guidance and the Commissioner responded that she has not received that yet but that she will try to get that for the April meeting.	

Meeting Adjourned 5:09 p.m. Next Meeting April 16, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. Minutes prepared by Vicky Minnich